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CAPT. WILLIAM GERRISH

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BORN at Bristol, Somersetshire, England, August 20, 1617. Received a mercantile education in the house of Percival Lowell & Co., and came to New England in 1639 and settled at Newbury, Mass., and lived near the parsonage lands, on the road to Trotter's bridge over Little river.

He was of small stature. He was the first Captain of the military band in Newbury, and was confirmed Lieutenant of the troops of Essex county, March 27, 1649. March 25, 1651 he was chosen one of the Commissioners for the Trying and Ending of the Civil Causes. He was Representative for Newbury for four years, 1650-'54, and a

Deputy for Hampton from 1663 to 1670. In 1678, after the death of his wife, he moved to Boston, and took a prominent part in the funeral obsequesies of Gov. Leverett, who died March 16 of that year.

At the Semi-Centennial Anniversary Town Meeting held in Boston, March 14, 1686 he opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

He was taken sick in June 1687—July following, he made his will, and bequeathed his property to his children by his first wife Joanna, grand-children, and second wife, Ann, in the following manner:

To his son John: 20 Pounds English money, and a silver tobacco box

To his son Benjamin: 70 Pounds

To his son Moses: 2 Pounds

To his daughter Mary (Dole): 5 Pounds

To Joanna's daughter, Mrs. Mary Appleton: 5 Pounds

To his grandson, Joseph,son of Rev. Joseph: 58 Pounds with all his wearing apparal and household furniture

To his deceased son William's three children
William, 15 Pounds
Bethiah, 10 Pounds
Parson, 10 Pounds

To his wife Ann he gave the remainder

Wednesday the third of August he was carried in a Sedan chair from his house on Cornhill to the wharf, put in a boat, and taken to Salem to see if he could find relief. Tuesday the 9th, Mr. Samuel Toppan came to Boston with a letter to Judge Sewall, informing him that Captain Gerrish died that day at noon at the home of his son Benjamin.

He was buried in the tomb of his brother-in-law, Capt. Walter Pierce, Aug. 11, 1687.

He Lived Beloved and Died Regretted

Age 70 Years

The bearers were: Judge Sewall, Maj. John Hawthorne, Hon. William Brown, Dr. Danl. Wild, Maj. Bartholemew Gidney, and Henry Deering

Among other eminent persons at the funeral were Maj.-genl. Fitz-John Winthrop, Hon. Edward Tyng, Rev. Samuel Willard, and Capt. James Clarke, of Boston, Rev. John Higginson and Rev. Nichols Noyes, of Salem Samuel Toppan, Esq. and Nathaniel Clark of Newbury, all of whom wore scarfs

TRADITION gives it that he was the son of Col. Gerrish, an officer under the duke of Buckingham in his expedition for the relief of Rochelle, France, in 1626, and commanded a troop at the battle of the Isle of Rhi, and in the Low Country.

Capt. William was twice married, and had eleven children; ten by his first wife.

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HIS first wife was Joanna, a daughter of his former employer, Lowell—the widow of John Oliver, whom she married in 1639, left a widow in '43 with one child, Mary, who married Saml. Appleton, in Ipswich, in '56.

Joanna's mother was Mrs. Elizabeth Goodale, from Yarmouth, Eng., in '38; settled in Newbury, with her son Richard and four daughters, — — —; Abigail, married Thomas Millwood, of Boston; Elizabeth, married John Lowell, of Newbury; Susanna married Abraham Toppan. Mrs. Goodale married second, Percival Lowell.

Joanna died June 18, 1677, age 58.

HIS second wife was Ann, widow of John Manning who owned No. 3 Long wharf and carried on business there. Ann was born June 1, 1635, daughter of Richard Parker, Esq., an eminent merchant of Boston. She first married Manning, in '50 and had a son, and a daughter, Ann, who married a Sandys and had one child. Mrs. Gerrish died in Sept. '93, age 58. She had one son by Capt. Gerrish, Henry, born in Boston, March, 21, '79 who died without issue.

CHILDREN OF CAPT. WILLIAM

JOHN	1646-1714	MOSES	1656-1694
ABIGAIL	1647- —	MARY	1658- —
WILLIAM	1648-1683	ANNA	1660- —
JOSEPH	1650-1720	JUDITH	1662- —
BENJAMIN	1652-1713	HENRY	1679- —
ELIZABETH	1654-1678		

Second Generation—my line

CAPT. JOHN GERRISH, born at Newbury, Feb. 12, 1646; married in 1666, Elizabeth, daughter of Maj. Richard Waldron, a celebrated Indian fighter, of Dover, N. H., where he settled. In '72 he was appointed Capt. of the Militia; in '83 chosen High Constable; in '84 was a member of the Special Assembly convened by Gov. Canfield; Representative in '89 and '90 from Dover to the General Assembly under Gov. Andros; in '92 a Royal Councillor of N. H.; in '99 appointed Assistant Justice of the Superior Courts of the State; was a merchant and farm-owner.

Died Dec. 19, 1714, age 68.

His wife died Dec. 7, 1724, age 79.

Children: John, Richard, Ann, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, William, Samuel, Timothy, Benjamin, Paul, Sarah, Joanna.

Capt. John's Family.

JOHN Born Aug. 21, 1667, settled in Boston, died 1737.

RICHARD Born Apr. 17, 1670, settled in Portsmouth, died 1717.

ANN Born Feb. 10, 1671.

NATHANIEL Born Dec. 19, 1672, at Dover, settled first at Berwick, Me., afterwards at Portsmouth, married Bridget, daughter of Hon. Wm. Vaughn, and had six children. Nathaniel born at Berwick and died there in 1752; William; Charles, born at Berwick 1718, went to Portland, (Falmouth) 1748, and was the first settler of the town of Durham, (Royalsborough) and for several years was Moderator of the Plantation. He married Mary Frost and their children were: Lieut. William, Berwick, born June 27, 1744; Charles, Berwick, born Oct. 18, 1746; Nathaniel, born Apr. 7, 1751; George, born June 16, 1753; James, died in the Revolutionary war, aged 20 years; Mary, married Abner Harris, Lewiston.

ELIZABETH Born May 28, 1674, married Rev. John Wade, Berwick, Sept. 3, 1696.

WILLIAM Born March 8, 1676 in Dover, settled

at Somersworth, N. H. and died unmarried.

SAMUEL Born Mar. 15, 1678, died in Dec.

TIMOTHY (My line).

BENJAMIN Born Sept. 6, 1686 at Dover, died in Boston, June 28, 1750, age 64.

PAUL Born Jan. 13, 1688, at Dover, a Colonel and Councillor of Mass., died June 6, 1734. He had five children, one a Capt. Paul, who also had a son Paul, father of Thomas born in Nottingham, N. H., whose son Edward was father of Rev. Aura L. Gerrish, pastor in 1909 of the F. Bapt. church in Oakland, Me.

SARAH Born 1690, captured by Indians who attacked her grandfather's garrison; restored to her friends after many sufferings and died of a fever while young.

JOANNA Married Charles Chauncey 1719.

Capt. William's other children:

After John: Abigail died young. William settled at Charlestown, Mass., a physician. Joseph was a minister at Wenham, Mass., graduated from Harvard College, 1669, married Ann, a daughter of Maj. R. Walden, of Dover. Benjamin was Collector of

His Majesty's Customs at Salem. Elizabeth married Capt. Stephen Greenleaf, Oct. 23, 1676. Col. Moses married Jane, sister of Chief Justice Sewall. She was born in Bradesly, Eng., 1659. Mary married Dr. John Dole, Newbury. Ann. Judith. Henry.

Third Generation--my line

COL. TIMOTHY GERRISH born April 21, 1684 at Dover, N. H., married Sarah Eliot, daughter of Hon. Robert Eliot, of Newcastle, Feb. 4, 1706, settled on Gerrish's Island as a merchant and farmer. He had a family of 15 children and died at the age of 71, on the morning of the big earthquake. His wife was born Oct. 1, 1687 and died at the age of 83.

His Children were: Robert Eliot, John, Timothy, Sarah E., Ann, William, Richard, Andrew, Abigail, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Jane, Joseph, Isaac, Nathaniel.

ROBERT ELIOT, born Sept. 18, 1708, graduated at Harvard college in 1730. Appointed Register of Deeds for the county of York, Me., in 1733 to '44, lived afterward on Gerrish's island and died there in 1791, age 83. He married and had two children, Abigail married Robert Mitchell, and Sarah married Roger Deering.

JOHN, born Feb. 6, 1710, was a merchant and J. P. in Dover in 1745, married Margery Jackson, eldest daughter of Dr. George and Joanna (Pepperrell) Jackson, of Kittery, Nov. 21, 1734 She had seven brothers and sisters, and her mother was a daughter of Hon. Wm. Pepperrell and sister of Sir William. John died in Mar. 1759 at Gerrish's island. His widow survived him a dozen years. Their children were: John born Sept. 5, 1735, died in 1824, age 99. Married Abigail, widow of Nicholas Grace, dau. of Andrew and Sarah Phillips; George, born Apr. 9, 1737, lived at Dover, married a Miss James, of Portsmouth; Sarah, born Apr. 11, 1740, unmarried, preceptress in Greenland, N. H. in 1827; Margery, born Mar. 30, 1742, unmarried, school preceptress in Eliot, Me., died age 65; Dorothy, born Mar. 16, 1744, unmarried, age 64; Timothy born 1746, died young.

CAPT. TIMOTHY, born Jan. 14, 1712, shipmaster merchant, in Guinea trade, married in 1739 Joanna, dau. of Richard and Joanna (Wills) Cutts. He died July 2, 1812. Children were: Timothy, born 1755, married Mary Patterson, died Dec. 30, 1815; Eliot, married Elizabeth Deering, Nov. 16, 1772, had one child, Mary; Capt. Samuel who had five children, David, Henry, Samuel, Woodbury, George; Joanna, married Charles Chauncy in 1760, his second wife, his first was Mary Cutts; Sarah, born in 1767, married Daniel Harte, died Mar. 3, 1789, had one son, Daniel; Elizabeth, married Mr. Yeaton, Lubec, had five children, John, Mary, Hopley, Samuel, George; Lucy, unmarried; Jane, married Daniel Raynes, York, Apr. 17, 1783, died Feb. 28, 1825, children were, Lucy, married John Johnson, Francis, married Elizabeth Cutts, Joanna, married Richard Cutts, in Nov. 1813, Daniel, died young, Robert, drowned in 1820, no issue, Richard, died single.

SARAH E., born Mar. 6, 1714, married Oct. 31, 1734 to John Frost, son of Maj. John and Mary (Pepperrill) Frost of Eliot. She was mother of Gen. John Frost who served with distinction with Washington in the Revolution.

ANN, born July 4, 1717, married her cousin Eliot Vaughn, son of Lieut.-Gov. George and Elizabeth (Eliot) Vaughn, of Portsmouth, Mar. 29, 1739, died May 1786.

WILLIAM, born on Gerrish's island Aug. 24 1719, was a farmer, settled in Kittery, married first Joanna Raynes, July 29, 1725, children, Timothy, Mary, William, Eliot, Eunice, Margery, who married an Applebee, of Durham, N. H., Elizabeth, who married a Wormwood, of Durham. Second wife was a Mitchell.

RICHARD C., born Aug. 19, 1721, died age two.

ANDREW, born on Gerrish's island Aug. 19, 1724. Lived nine years in Providence, where his first four children were born, died in Portsmouth. Married Hannah ———. Children, Sarah, born July 12, 1784, Elizabeth, born May 9, 1750, Hannah, born Apr. 25 1752, Joseph, born July 6, 1754, Timothy, born Apr. 7, 1756.

ABIGAIL, born June 6, 1726, married Judge Rishworth Jordan, of Portsmouth.

ELIZABETH, born May 28, 1727, married Edward Cutts, who was a 1st Representative to the Continental Congress, and a son of Richard and Eunice Curtis Cutts, Nov. 14, 1758.

BENJAMIN, born June 6, 1728, settled in Berwick, married Elizabeth, daughter of Judge Hill, May 1, 1753, and had eight children, Nathaniel who died young; Mary; Richard, who had five children, Caroline, Benjamin who settled at Bath and had two children, Charles and Harriet; Mary; Sarah; Richard, jr; Benjamin who married and had two children, Benjamin and Elizabeth; Timothy who married and had three children, William, Obadiah and Margery; Hannah; Obadiah who settled at Hiram, 1820, no children; William, single.

JOSEPH, Fourth Generation My Line, born Sept. 13, 1732, graduated at Harvard in 1752, was a colonel, farmer and representative. Twice married. Died Dec. 17, 1812, age 80 years. First married Ann Thompson, Feb. 28, 1764, daughter of Rev. Wm. Thompson, of Scarboro, whose sister married Stephen Longfellow, the grandfather of the poet. Ann died Aug. 11, 1772, age 34 years. Their children were William Thompson, 5th generation my line, Joseph born Jan. 8, 1767, died Sept. 28, 1844, Ann, born May 6, 1769, married Samuel Goodwin, of Berwick, Nov. 13, 1791, died Sept. 18, 1856.

They were the ancestors of Gov. Ichabod Goodwin of N. H.; Sarah Eliot, born Jan. 27, 1771 died April 4, 1868. Second wife was Mary Allen, of Biddeford, married Oct. 6, 1773, died Jan. 19, 1815, children were Mary, born Dec. 7, 1774, died age six weeks; Oliver Jordan, born Dec. 27, 1776; Betsy, born June 29, 1779; Lucy, born Mar. 26, 1781; Timothy, born Apr. 18, 1783, died Feb. 3, 1826, age 43. Of all of Col. Joseph's children only William Thompson, Ann and Timothy married.

ISAAC, settled in Berwick. No issue.

NATHANIEL, born May 20, 1735, drowned.

Fifth Generation—my line

WILLIAM THOMPSON GERRISH married Mary Follett, daughter of Capt. Robert Follett, Kittery Point, died Mar. 21, 1845, age 80 years. Had one son, Robert Follett.

Sixth Generation—my line

ROBERT FOLLETT GERRISH, born on Gerrish's island, June 5, 1815. Married Sarah Caroline Lewis, of Portsmouth, Aug. 27, 1840. Died at Kittery Point, April 16, 1882.

Children: Hannah, Mary, Carrie, Follett.

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Mr. Gerrish did a shipping and store business at his home at Kittery Point, and for a number of years lived in Franklin as resident manager of a large land company. His last years were passed in Kittery Point, with his wife and three daughters.

Extracts from a home paper.—In a catalogue of the Hampton Academy of 1832 he is mentioned as the instructor in penmanship. "Mr. Gerrish . . buried in the cemetery adjoining the Congregational church. For many years he was clerk of the parish, and anyone who has had the privilege of examining those records knows what a fine penman and methodical man he was."

SARAH CAROLINE GERRISH, widow of Robert F., died at her home at Kittery Point on Friday, Nov. 15,1901 after a short illness.

Mrs. Gerrish had long been, owing to advance age and a previous attack of bronchitis, in delicate health, but the care and attention of her devoted daughters had preserved the precious life many years.

She was the daughter of Thomas S. and Harriet Henderson Lewis, of Portsmouth.

She was a true gentlewoman and no one ever came into her presence who did not feel the charm and kindly spirit that made her life a benison to all who were blessed with her friendship.

Of their children

Hannah married Charles G. Hinman, of Boston. Both are dead

Mary died single in 1905

Carrie lives at Kittery Point homestead, unmarried

Follett married Maria Blaisdell, of Franklin, had five children, all living: Ralph, Della, Melatiah, Maidie, Charles

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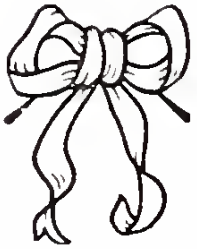
19  19

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ROBERT De GUERRISH

Duke of Brittany

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